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Subject: RE: Newtown Creek: Further Extension of Negotiation Period for Dispute Concerning the Baseline Ecological Risk Assessment

Michael and Stephanie – We currently are scheduled to meet on March 21, 2017 to conclude our discussions on the BERA dispute. Per Michael Sivak's latest email concerning the BERA dispute schedule (see below), the dispute period also ends on March 21, 2017. We assume that EPA is planning on extending the dispute schedule beyond March 21st to give Michael time to review the material and issue a final ruling. Can you please confirm that is the case and provide a new date for conclusion of the dispute? Thanks.

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Hi David,

Thank you for your time yesterday.

As we discussed, the NCG will be providing a revised dispute letter which (1) briefly outlines the items still under dispute and (2) proposes language to resolve the items that are, or potentially are, resolved.

In order for EPA to be fully prepared for the in-person meeting at V&E on March 14th, we request that you submit this letter no later than noon on Friday, but preferably earlier.

Please let us know if you have any concerns.

Thanks,

Stephanie

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Michael and Stephanie – I am writing in reply to the email sent by Michael to Tom Schadt and David Bridgers on February 23, 2017 clarifying the schedule for the Newtown Creek BERA dispute process (see below for the text of the email). The NCG would like to schedule a call on March 7, 2017 from 3pm to 4 pm ET to continue our technical discussions, if that day and time works for the EPA folks who are participating in the technical discussions. During that call, the NCG will discuss some of the responses provided by EPA to the NCG via email on February 17 and 20, 2017. In addition, our reading of Michael's email is that EPA would like to end the technical discussions in time for Michael to provide his final decision on the items under dispute by March 21, 2017. To that end, the NCG would like to schedule an in-person "wrap-up" meeting with EPA in the morning of March 14, 2017, assuming that Michael Sivak, and other EPA attendees are available that day. Let me know if you are available on these days and times. Thanks.

EPA is writing in connection with the dispute by the Newtown Creek Group of respondents (NCG Respondents), disputing the requirements of EPA's e-mail of December 8, 2016 which directed that Anchor, on behalf of the respondents, provide to EPA by January 23, 2017, a modified Draft Baseline Ecological Risk Assessment ("BERA") responsive in full to EPA comments transmitted by the December 8 email. This dispute was invoked by letter dated December 22, 2016 (sent to EPA by email on December 22) on behalf of the NCG

respondents, pursuant to the "Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study" (AOC) at the Newtown Creek Superfund site.

By email dated January 20, 2017, EPA extended the Negotiation Period for the dispute until close of business on February 23, 2017.

Please be advised that pursuant to Paragraph 65 of the AOC, EPA has further extended the Negotiation Period for the dispute until close of business on Tuesday, March 21, 2017.

By selecting this date, EPA acknowledges ongoing technical conversations between EPA and AQ, and allows for the next technical conversation to be scheduled on or about March 7, 2017, which is two weeks after EPA's most recent submittal of information to AQ as part of these ongoing technical conversations. This date also allows for an additional call to discuss issues remaining with regard to the dispute, to be scheduled by March 14, 2017.

The dispute will also address the date required for the submittal by respondents of an approvable BERA responsive to all EPA comments. Thus, in accordance with Paragraph 66 of the AOC, respondents will be required to submit the BERA on the date determined by agreement reached during the Negotiation Period for the dispute, or failing such agreement, on the date determined in accordance with EPA's decision on the dispute.

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